

POST BOARD ACTION REPORT
Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners
County Board Room, County Building
Tuesday, April 16, 2013, 10:00 A.M.

COMMISSIONERS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM #1

RulesAPPROVED..... Meeting of April 16, 2013

Finance... APPROVED Meeting of April 16, 2013

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

**PROCUREMENTS & DISBURSEMENTS
MARCH 2013 REPORT**

ITEM # 2 RECEIVED & FILED

Transmitting a Communication dated April 16, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period March 1, 2013 through March 31, 2013. This report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2(BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

Per Section 1-8-2(BB) of the District's Code, the District's Chief Financial Officer shall submit a report to the Board on a monthly basis listing the Procurements that exceed \$25,000.00 and do not require Board approval, including a list of each Person from whom the District makes such a Procurement, a brief description of the product or service provided, the budgetary account from which the funds are being encumbered, as well as the amount. The District's Chief Financial Officer shall provide a monthly report to the Board of the individual and total amount of disbursements made for contracts involving any expenditure of \$25,000.00 or more and that do not require Board approval, including a list of each Person to whom the District makes such disbursements, a brief description of the product or service provided, the budgetary account from which the funds are being drawn and the amount of the payment.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

**PROPOSED AGREEMENT
MAX MCGRAW WILDLIFE FOUNDATION**

ITEM #3 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication dated April 16, 2013 from

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “District”) to enter into and execute an agreement with the Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation, Dundee, Illinois to conduct research, in conjunction with the District, that will include capturing and monitoring wildlife populations and other related activities.

Reason: The District has utilized the Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation for assistance with capturing, collecting, monitoring, and analyzing wildlife activity since 2008. This work assists the District with tracking wildlife disease transmittance between various wildlife populations and human populations. Information gathered through this work is shared throughout the health services community.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$60,000.00. Contract period: From Date of Execution through December 31, 2013. (Wildlife Disease Monitoring and Health Studies Account 01-6240).

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District (s): Districtwide

**PROPOSED AGREEMENT
NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY**

ITEM #4 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication dated April 16, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “District”) to enter into and execute an agreement with the National Audubon Society, New York, New York for the purpose of funding various restoration activities conducted by the Audubon Society.

Reason: The National Audubon Society carries out ecological restoration work with interns assigned to District natural areas. This program allows certain restoration activities to be accomplished at volunteer stewardship sites that augment the work done by volunteers. The District has funded this very successful program since 2006.

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Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$160,000.00. Contract period: Date of Execution through December 31, 2013. (Restoration Intern Program Account 01-6220).

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): Districtwide

**PROPOSED AGREEMENT
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD**

ITEM #5 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication dated April 16, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") to enter into and execute an agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) to construct and maintain a bicycle/pedestrian bridge over the UPRR tracks.

Reason: The District has been working to connect three separate portions of the existing Thorn Creek Trail System, and link the Thorn Creek Trail with the Old Plank Road Trail and the Burnham Greenway Trail. This project will add 4.1 miles of new trail to the existing system of 12.7 miles. This project was approved at the January 10, 2007 Board Meeting when the District received federal funding for phases I, II, and III engineering services and construction.

To provide safe crossings and create a contiguous trail system, construction of a new bicycle/pedestrian trail grade separation structure (bridge) is required. Without this crossing, the Thorn Creek Bicycle Trail will continue to have a gap in the system.

In Glenwood, south of Sweet Woods and north of Merrill Street, a new bridge is proposed over the existing Union Pacific Railroad tracks. The bridge has been designed to Illinois Department of Transportation standards and has been approved for construction. Through a Petition and by an Order of the Illinois Commerce Commission, the UPRR approved the bicycle/pedestrian bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad. The proposed agreement/license fee for construction of the bridge is \$16,700.00.

The aforementioned license fee is an approved project cost that was included in phase II engineering services estimates and is eligible for 80% (\$13,360.00) federal reimbursement.

In addition to the license fee, the agreement includes provisions that could result in additional future costs to the District that are unknown at this time. The District would be required to

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pay for any repairs or maintenance of the trail over their right-of-way. The agreement also requires the District to indemnify the railroad for any liability resulting from the use of the bike trail on railroad property. The District is not aware of any recent incidents involving a train and pedestrians or bike riders utilizing a bridge over train tracks.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$3,340.00 license fee cost after reimbursement. Contract Period: Thirty-Two (32) months from the Notice to Proceed. (Trails Accounts 51-6780, 52-6780 and 60-6780).

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): District 5 & 6

**PROPOSED AGREEMENT
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

ITEM # 6 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication dated April 16, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") to enter into and execute an agreement, similar in form to the contract provided as backup for this agenda item and subject to final approval by the District's Legal Department, with the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, Urbana, Illinois to perform laboratory testing of blood and tissue samples to detect any potential transmittal of diseases from animals to humans such as Rabies, West Nile Virus, Chronic Wasting Disease and Avian Influenza.

Reason: The District has utilized the University of Illinois, College of Veterinary Medicine for lab analysis of tissue and blood samples since 2008. This important work allows District Wildlife Biologists to track changes in disease transmittal in the wildlife community and how those diseases may affect the human population. Information acquired through this analysis is dispersed throughout the health services community to better inform them of potential risks to human populations.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$40,000.00. Date of Execution through December 31, 2013. (Wildlife Disease Monitoring and Health Studies Account 01-6240).

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): Districtwide

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**PROPOSED AGREEMENT
VILLAGE OF GLENWOOD**

ITEM # 7 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication dated April 16, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") to enter into and execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Glenwood, Illinois (the "Village") and amend an existing License Agreement, License No. 709, to allow access for the Village to repair and maintain a storm sewer outfall area in the Sweet Woods Forest Preserve.

Reason: The Village currently owns and operates a 48-inch storm sewer and headwall on District property under the terms of License #709. The Village desires to repair and maintain the storm sewer and, as requested by the District, improve the condition of the existing outfall area to minimize erosion.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: None. Contract Period: Continuous, unless terminated upon ninety (90) days prior notice.

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): 6

**PROPOSED AGREEMENT
VILLAGE OF PALATINE**

ITEM # 8 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication dated April 16, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") to enter into and execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Palatine for the purpose of assisting the District with the maintenance of invasive vegetation.

Reason: The Village of Palatine and the District propose to enter an agreement with regard to the management of invasive plants, cattails and common reed, in an agreed upon area of the Deer Grove East Forest Preserve abutting Dee Lane and Westwood Lane.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: None. Contract Period: Date of execution until December 31, 2017.

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): 14

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**PROPOSED AGREEMENT
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

ITEM #9 WITHDRAWN

Transmitting a Communication dated April 16, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") to enter into and execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources ("IDNR") for the purpose of coordinating management activities on approximately one-hundred and fourteen (114) acres of land owned collectively by the IDNR and District in the area commonly referred to as Wolf Road Prairie.

Reason: The IDNR owns fifty-eight (58) acres of land within the Wolf Road Prairie and the District owns an additional fifty-six (56) acres. Of the total one hundred and fourteen (114) acres, eighty (80) acres have been dedicated as a State Nature Preserve area under the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act (525 ILCS 30/1 et seq). The agreement will allow the District and IDNR to manage the parcels as one unit and provide for a more efficient land management process.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: None. Contract Period: Date of execution until December 31, 2017

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District (s): 16

**PROPOSED CONTRACT
ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERING DESIGN
SERVICES FOR CAMPGROUND PROGRAM**

ITEM # 10 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication dated April 16, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") to enter into and execute a contract (Task Order) between Domokur Architects, Lombard, Illinois and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") for Architectural & Engineering Design Services to assist the District in the design of its campground capital improvement program.

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Reason: Contract (Task Order) #13-80-03-001-D is for architectural and engineering design services for the District's campground capital improvement program. The project scope includes design, bidding and construction administration for six primary campground locations as well as several secondary campground locations with a total construction budget of over 26 million dollars.

On December 5, 2012, the Board of Commissioners approved a pre-qualified pool of 85 firms for architectural & engineering design services for the District's capital improvement programs. A professional services agreement was subsequently executed with each pre-qualified firm which provided for engagement of services for specific projects via a Task Order.

The Forest Preserve District issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on February 15, 2013, to twenty pre-qualified firms and received proposals from eight firms. A selection committee determined that Domokur Architects, Lombard, Illinois, and its team of sub-consultants were most qualified to provide design services for the Campground Program.

Vendor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$1,872,755.00. Contract Period: Thirty-Two (32) Months after Notice to Proceed. (General Consulting Services Accounts 25-6740, 51-6740, 52-6740 and 60-6740).

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

District(s): Districtwide

**PROPOSED CONTRACT
ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR
LANDSCAPE & CIVIL ENGINEERING PROGRAM – 03D**

ITEM #11 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication dated April 16, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") to enter into and execute a contract (Task Order) between A. Epstein and Sons International, Inc. d/b/a Epstein, Chicago, Illinois, and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") for

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Architectural & Engineering Design Services to assist the District in the design of its landscape and civil engineering program.

Reason: Contract (Task Order) #13-80-02-03D is for architectural and engineering design services for the District's landscape and civil engineering capital improvement program. The project scope includes design, bidding and construction administration for repair/replacement of 13 bridges, three culverts, and one underpass with estimated construction budget of \$700,000.00.

On December 5, 2012, the Board of Commissioners approved a pre-qualified pool of 85 firms for architectural & engineering design services for the District's capital improvement programs. A professional services agreement was subsequently executed with each pre-qualified firm which provided for engagement of services for specific projects via a Task Order.

The Forest Preserve District issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on March 7, 2013, to six pre-qualified firms and received proposals from six firms. A selection committee determined that Epstein and its team of sub-consultants were most qualified to provide design services for the landscape and civil engineering program.

Vendor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$110,988.00. Contract Period: Thirty-Two (32) Months after Notice to Proceed. (General Consulting Services Accounts 51-6740, 52-6740 and 60-6740).

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

District(s): 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 17

**REVENUE GENERATING REPORT
ROW CROP AND HAY FARMING**

ITEM # 12 APPROVED

Transmitting a Communication dated April 16, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

Historically, row crop (corn, soybeans, etc.) and hay farming have taken place on land owned by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District"). This practice allows the District to generate revenue, while at the same time, keeping invasive plant species from taking over fallow land. It is the District's intention to restore fallow land wherever possible and these farming practices are a good

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method to keep these lands in a more manageable condition until a restoration project can take place on the site. These contracts are one year contracts that may be renewed annually for up to five years, which gives the District the option to discontinue farming practices in order to restore these lands to a natural condition.

The District has received bids to row crop farm the three (3) locations listed below for a total potential revenue generation over the next five years of **\$490,625.00**.

Site	Acres	Revenue	High Bidder
Janura Preserve	486 acres	\$400,950.00	Heinsohn
Tampier Lake	25 acres	\$16,875.00	McCabe
Orland Grasslands South	130 acres	\$72,800.00	Yunker
Total	641 acres	\$490,625.00	

The District has received bids to hay farm the nine (9) locations listed below for a total potential revenue generation over the next five years of **\$105,950.00**

Site	Acres	Revenue	High Bidder
Penny Road Pond	97 acres	\$2,425.00	Steve Grollomond
Paul Douglas Preserve	130 acres	\$3,250.00	Steve Grollomond
Morrill Meadow	25 acres	\$7,687.50	Hendricks Farms
Duffy Preserve	50 acres	\$15,375.00	Hendricks Farms
Tinley Creek	227 acres	\$24,402.00	Hendricks Farms
Zander Woods	51 acres	\$10,582.50	Hendricks Farms
Jurgensen Woods South	99 acres	\$14,850.50	Mark Hansen
Jurgensen Woods North	25 acres	\$3,437.50	Hendricks Farms
King's Grove Woods	35 acres	\$5,512.50	Hendricks Farms
Plum Creek Valley	117 acres	\$18,427.50	Hendricks Farms
Total	856 acres	\$105,950.00	

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Estimated Fiscal Impact: Generation of \$596,575.00. Contract Period: 2013-2017 on an annual renewal basis.

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): 6, 14, 15 & 17

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
APRIL 2013**

ITEM # 13 RECIEVED & FILED

In addition to the dozens of free programs at the District's six Nature Centers each month, the following special events are taking place in March. For a full list of events in the Forest Preserve District, visit www.fpdcc.com/events

Antique & Garden Fair

Friday – Sunday, April 19 – 21
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Chicago Botanic Garden

The Garden hosts more than 100 dealers of antique garden furnishings, exquisite vintage items, and distinctive garden-related merchandise from the around the United States and Europe. There is an admission fee for this event

Earth Day Celebrations

All Forest Preserve District Nature Centers

Earth Day is April 22nd and no matter where you are in Cook County, there's sure to be a celebration near you. Join us!

**24th Annual Earth Day Parks & Preserves
Clean-Up**

Saturday, April 20
Both events start at 9 a.m.

Whistler Woods or Busse Woods

Help clean up Whistler Woods or Busse Woods in the morning, and then celebrate with free family friendly activities.

Party for the Planet

Sunday, April 21

Brookfield Zoo

All day and free with regular zoo admission
Every day is Earth Day at Brookfield Zoo, but on this very special day we will be showcasing some of the steps you can commit to that will truly make a difference for animals across the globe.

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Party for the Planet
Sunday, April 21

Brookfield Zoo

All day and free with regular zoo admission
Every day is Earth Day at Brookfield Zoo, but on this very special day we will be showcasing some of the steps you can commit to that will truly make a difference for animals across the globe.

Arbor Day Celebration
Saturday, April 27
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

LaBagh Woods, Chicago

Enjoy tree plantings, tree-caching, scavenger hunts, art projects, tree ID and more.

Ape Awareness Weekend
Saturday, April 27 & Sunday, April 28

Brookfield Zoo

All day and free with regular zoo admission
Learn about apes and the need for their conservation.
Join zoo staff for ape-related activities and special Zoo Chats. Learn how to help apes by recycling your old cell phones and by being a wise consumer.

Exhibition: *Nature in View*
Saturday, April 27 – May 19
9:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Chicago Botanic Garden

Photographs of the natural world from the Garden Photographic Society

Midwest Daffodil Society Show
Saturday & Sunday, April 27-28
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Chicago Botanic Garden

The American Daffodil Society's national show features more than a thousand daffodils on display that will be judged by the Society.

Spring Festival
Saturday May 4

**Hal Tyrell Trailside Museum
& Nature Center, River Forest.**

Don't miss this celebration of the spring season with a special day of activities for all ages.

Birding Paddle
Saturday, May 4
9 AM – 1:00 PM

Skokie Lagoon – Meet at Tower Road Boat Launch

A birding event on the water; join us for a free paddling event during the height of bird migration
Space is limited; call 708.771.1189 to reserve a spot.